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RICHARD WHARTON PAPERS

Diary, ca. 1863-1864

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JANUARY 1 8
U.A.L.

Miss Sallie
Avery
Care of Annie Cozzens
Sunday Evening August

April 1st
A.D. 64
Presented Him By
Christmas
Day 26th 1863
Whitfield Hem.

PERPETUAL

DIARY.

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CALENDAR FOR 1

1863.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
Jan.	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Feb.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mar.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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April	..	..	..	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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May	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
	10	11	12	13	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
	17	18	19	20	21	[illegible]	[illegible]
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1863.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
July	..	..	..	1	2	3	4
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Aug.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31	..	..	..	..	..
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	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	..	..	..
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	..	..	..	..	..
Dec.	..	..	1	2	3	4	5
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Calendar for 1865 + 6 + 7 + 8

[illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] not for [illegible]
[illegible] even [illegible]
Youthful visions of the past
Which [illegible] are flitting [illegible]
[illegible] and scenes of bygone days
Doubly [illegible]
When they have my being blessed
And cheered the hours that flew
But now alas I am forgot
By me I loved too true
The flighted vows you formerly gave
Alas they [illegible] been broken
"Twere better that I had never known
By you had never been [illegible]
But now it's past and the [illegible]
The pain that [illegible] must [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the "[illegible]"
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] prayer
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Sunday evening

3

JARY.

1.

[illegible] night [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] arrived here [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in Florida
[illegible]

2.

[illegible] in the [illegible]
manner [illegible]
and [illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
away [illegible]

3.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to build
and heavy wind which makes us
think of the soldiers in camp
to think that shivering around
their [illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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Monday

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26.

I passed the day quietly at home reading various books of a religious & philosophic kind

27.

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

31.

[illegible]

Miss Orlena Hunt
Cherry Creek
Miss.

Miss Annie McDonald
Salem
Miss.

[illegible] Pate
Ripley
Miss.

Miss Lee Martin
Okiyaba
Miss

Okiyaba Miss July 1895—

FEBRUARY.

1.

[illegible]

2.

[illegible]

3.

[illegible]

FEBRUARY.

4.

[illegible]

5.

I have passed to day in reading some letters back and in conversations with some friends. went out in the evening to spend the night with [illegible]

6.

Passed the day very pleasantly did not leave home. Continuing very busy until [illegible] the evening [illegible]

7.

Came home the morning
very tired [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] evening
and [illegible]

8.

[illegible] spent [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] attend
I have been reading [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] evening

9.

[illegible] went [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] little
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]

10.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] me without [illegible]

11.

I went out visiting and had
a very pleasant time
Come home in the evening
and found some ladies who had
come to pay me a visit spent a
very pleasant night

12.

Went to bay to make
arrangements for my back
to Mrs Cornwell [illegible]
a hearty supper and left
evening some [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] records [illegible]

13.

[illegible] for our home tomorrow. My father can't come to me as I expected. He will not start here for some days or until [illegible]

14.

I learned today the name by which the people call Abraham Lincoln. The [illegible] treated the landlord in the Lincoln

15.

[illegible] very quiet [illegible] since we have been passing [illegible] the last day or two in this country, [illegible]

16.

[illegible] to see the [illegible] to [illegible] had a very pleasant day with the [illegible] Met the [illegible]

17.

We are all having at the idea of [illegible] visiting my friends and relatives, and expect to start on a day or two for the country with my father

18.

Went to [illegible] today and saw a great many big [illegible] and [illegible] which [illegible] me of those before [illegible]

19.

[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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MARCH.

31.

The weather was cold and dry and spring with its [illegible] has not [illegible] and smelling [illegible] in open as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss Annie Frazier
Chicago
Ills

Miss Annie [illegible]
Cedar Rapids
Iowa

Miss Mollie Smith
Orinda
Iowa

Miss Mollie Gordon
Chicago
Ills

Miss Angie Clayton
Omaha
Neb

APRIL.

1.

This day is welcomed in with a bright sunny morning but rather cool for April. In the evening however it commenced raining. I wrote letters to some friends in Ann Arbor.

2.

Miss Hood Gordon had a chain fixed to my watch. It does a great deal. I spent the day in my "Cabin" thinking of the past that was full of joys departed.

3.

Nothing worthy of note took place today. Received two or three letters of congratulation. Such is life.

4.

[illegible]

5.

[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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16.

[illegible]

17.

[illegible] Brigade [illegible]

18.

[illegible]

19.

[illegible]

20.

[illegible]

21.

Spent the day in camp drilling and doing other [illegible] duties. Had a little drill in the evening attended by Capt Chapman [illegible] Capt Chapman

22.

[illegible] Mrs. I [illegible] orders to pack up my extra luggage to be sent to the [illegible] which [illegible] as though we were in the same hotel though [illegible] sometimes [illegible]

23.

Here we are still safe today [illegible] we [illegible] like a [illegible] "Eli, Eli" the [illegible] [illegible] to get [illegible] and [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] failure.

24.

[illegible] holy Sabbath. I can get in my cabin and hear the [illegible] preaching on every [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter to [illegible] [illegible]

25.

Time wears heavily by in expectation of the last fight that is now [illegible] either [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible], at [illegible]

26.

Spring [illegible] up in [illegible] today with [illegible] robes. Dr. Dare comes [illegible] to visit [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

27.

We received orders [illegible] up and be ready to move at a moments notice as the enemy are [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

APRIL.

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

MAY.

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MAY.

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MAY.

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MAY.

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MAY.

19.

May 1869
Miss Pine Mare
Hupto Mrs

20.

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22.

Arbor vitae
Emblem "True Friendship"
Miss Rogers.
Nov. 30th 1868

Sunday.

23.

24.

25.

26.

Arbor Vitae
Miss P. Ma
Emblem "True Friendship"
Nov 30th 1868

Sunday.

27.

MAY.

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MAY.

31.

The sweetest month
I ever knew was
Flowery May.
The day I ever knew
was Christmas.
Arthur's peace

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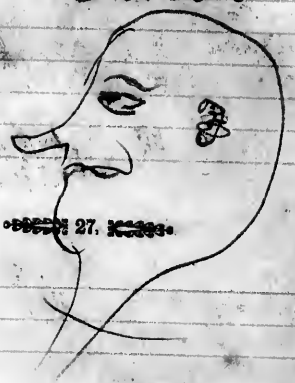
26.

"Sarilli"



27.

28.

Compliments of
Lott Wharton to
Miss Sattie Nelson
I would be pleased
to see her immediately
Monday Noon
Jun 28th /48

29.

& Martin

Compliments of
J. P. Wharton

J. P. Wharton

30.

June 30th /48

JULY.

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JULY.

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the army

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[illegible] the army

17.

[illegible] of the [illegible] Georgia

18.

Hardee Corps marched back from the Rapidan [illegible] distance and halted to build breast works. We have had some fine sport [illegible] the Yanks

JULY.

19.

The entire Army moved
day with Sherman 5 m
from Atlanta near Peach
tree Creek moved all
night and went
into position about
daylight

20.

This morning we commenced
to fortify a strong
position five miles
from Atlanta
moved out in the evening
attacked the Enemy in fort
-ifications had to withdraw

21.

Moved to the East side
of Atlanta marched all
day weather very warm
fortified during the
night and left before
daylight

JULY.

22.

Moved out seven miles
South East of Atlanta
Hardees Corps and attacked
the Enemy in position
two lines of works
heavy loss I got shot
in right-leg and left
the field

23.

Among hotels etc in Atlanta
I was sent back to
division hospital and
remained there today
my brother and I both
having been wounded

24

Sent to Atlanta in
ambulance for the purpose
of going to the North

25.

Left off on the cars for the Hospital in Griffin, Georgia. Rode thirty miles and went into Hospital

26.

Where I remained very attentive — both by the Doctors and the Surgeon as most all the sick in Hospital at that place died

27.

My wound is doing very well and I feel better satisfied there of myself than I would in Hospital

28.

Another great battle was fought today between Gen. Hood & Sherman in which our advantage seems to have been greater than either

29.

Numbers of the wounded are being cared for, notwithstanding the fight, and every preparation is making to make them as comfortable as possible.

30.

Nothing of interest — to day. Skirmishing still continues at the front

JULY.

31.

Another fight [illegible]
[illegible] mostly [illegible]
[illegible] fighting [illegible]
about [illegible] the [illegible]
was [illegible] [illegible]
of the evacuation of
Atlanta

Sam will be hot enough
today I bid my family
without offering a sight
when [illegible] with
the [illegible] day dreams
with his [illegible] air
And searching beams
I will hack her with a la-
dies, my taste shall be
quit: for she learns my
sadness and wipes the
fruit

AUGUST.

1.

Winds blood still holding
out at Atlanta thought
it will do better fall
as job occupation I will
not complain for the best
of holding it

2.

Spent before the
board of examiners
today for a furlough
30 days and was exam-
ined

3.

My mood is very
doubtful today I know
some cause
I am getting very im-
patient to leave here

4.

I went down town without the surgeons permission to while away the time

5.

The skirmishing still goes on at the front without any advantage to either side resulting

6

A world without women would be no world at all, a hospital without their presence to cheer it would be very unpleasant

7.

The wounded are daily arriving from up to the 30th inst. and have been very close in coming back approved

8.

I received my furlough today and left for home immediately on the cars spent all night on the train

9.

Travelled all day on the train arrived at Montgomery Ala. layover all night

10.

Lay over all day and
10 o'clock at night left
for Selma Ala travelled
during the night
suffered a great deal
from my wound

11.

arrived at Selma and
took cars for Demopolis
spent evening
all night
until we arrived at
Demopolis lay over for
the night

12.

Took the train for Meridian Miss
arrived same evening

13.

Left Meridian for
Cakalosa in morning
travelled all day and
all night

14.

Arrived at Okolona
S.C.R.R. and started
for Oxford Miss on
foot and on crutches
besides

15.

I got a gentleman
to carry me on a
horse 15 miles
my wound pained me
a great deal

16.

I got permission to come home from school to follow on horseback got to a friends house at night borrowed a horse

17.

Came to my sisters house half my friends gone and my mind doing tolerably well

18.

To day I found very pleasantly some of my friends visiting me

19.

I went to see some of my lady friends and had quite a lively time

20.

Hot cutting dinner weather dreadfully tiring from which I naturally suffer a great deal

21.

One day lost and who can require it!

AUGUST.

22.

Rode out to day to see some of my acquaintances my mind and health are both improving

23.

Went to day in company with some Ladies to a Evening Party

24.

Went to Church to day the first since I was married

AUGUST.

25.

Went to Grigsby and had a very pleasant time with friend "Blake"

26.

Went to see some Ladies in company with D. Pitt passed the time off very pleasantly

27.

I went Ripley today for amusement and heard nothing of the sick there

28.

Read a novel all day. Learned how little life contrasted with fiction is very interesting

29.

Went to Chizabar to see a company organized of 14 preferable boys

30.

Went to church with a gay select party enjoyed myself finely

31.

Went to church again to day with the same party and passed the time off very pleasantly

"So fades the lovely blooming
Frail smiling pride of flowery
Of an hour"

Miss Mollie Graham
Montezuma
Tenn

Miss Jennie Wilson
Bethel
Tenn

Miss Helen Ross
Jacks Creek
Tenn

Miss Lue Ross
Jacks Creek
Tenn

SEPTEMBER.

1.

I again went to church in company with the same friends as the previous Sabbath protracted

2.

Spent the day in reading and studying different books on subjects

3.

I spent in the same manner as yesterday and feel much better than when I devote the entire day to pleasure

SEPTEMBER.

4.

I went to see a soldier who had just returned from the army of Tenn

5.

One more day I have to regret as lost irretrievably lost for all time to come

6.

Spent in idleness and "foolishness"

7.

Gilbert and the twins
in Reading, writing and
Conversing with some
friends

8.

Farewell sweet dream
The morning first
Bright with the glow
Thou say it - dust
Has shut its gate on me so
and darkened all the fair
lighting air

9.

10.

11.

12.

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OCTOBER.

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OCTOBER.

4.

Monarchy — Limited
Partnership — Limited
Responsibility
Patriarchal —
Young Person
Fathering — Family
Farming

5.

6.

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Nov. 1869
Chestnut Hill
W. L. Stewart
Preacher

26.

27.

NOVEMBER.

28.

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DECEMBER.

1.

Ah the cold chilly
winds of December
Stole my flowers my
company from me.

2.

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4.

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6.

7.

10 gals Kaling 29 lb
@ 2,90
Capt [illegible] Home

8.

Party at D.

9.

10.

S. S. S.

S. S. Ass.

11.

Jas. S. Wha[illegible]

Lebanon Illinois

12.

13.

The old hilly country of Dunnville State of [illegible]

J. S. Wha[illegible]

14.

D. W. Warfow

S. S. S.

S. S. S.

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DECEMBER.

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DECEMBER.

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W. P. Gillespie
4 mo 2. of Ch 2nd

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Christmas Day

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28.

Newton Gates
Dead fr. Okluna Egypt
Dr. Hampton Gaines
Col Mc Clopton
2 ms. a. Egypt
Madison Gaines
½ m. a. Egypt

29.

Antony Col. Gaines Gaines
Edmund Hampton Gaines
Dr. John Clopton
1½ M. N. E. Egypt
Mortimer Gaines
at Egypt

30.

31.

[illegible]
[illegible] last forever
God's wrath may be stayed
by penitence, the wreck of
health regained by temperance
forgotten knowledge restored
by study, alienated
friendships smoothed into
forgetfulness, and forfeited
reputations won by prudence
and virtue. But no
one again looked upon this
vast house, recalled his
delighted years, stamped

them with wisdom, crafted
-ed from the sacred oak
Forest Eternity. The fearful
blast of Incessant time?

"Book"

"Copied"

N. P. Masters

Purdy Tenn

Miss Nannie Gillespie
Bethel.
Tenn

Miss Mattie Kidd
Bethel
Tenn.

Miss Mollie Campbell
Bethel
Tenn

Miss Ellen Jones
Bethel Tenn

CASH ACCOUNT.—MARCH. 1803

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
	Miss Sallie Gambrell Guntown Miss.		
	Miss Maggie Gravell Cherry Creek Miss.		
	Miss Lizzie Garden Cotton Plant Miss.		
	Miss Bettie Knott Guntown Miss.		
	Miss Ama Lemsey Okolona Miss.		

Mother — "Obey, children, the order
Your where your treasures is there will your

CASH ACCOUNT.—APRIL. 1863

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1863	C. W. Wyatt	$ [illegible]	[illegible]
1863	[illegible]	2 [illegible]	[illegible]
1863	[illegible]	5 00	
1863	Bilson		5 00
1863	Andrews	7 [illegible]	5 00
1863	Jno. [illegible]	10 00	[illegible]
1863	W. G. Holbrook		20 [illegible]
[illegible]	J. [illegible]	Paid	20 00
[illegible]	Geo. [illegible]	Paid	[illegible]
[illegible]	J. J. [illegible]	Paid	
1863	W. G. Holbrook	Dr. X	2 [illegible]
Dec. 63	[illegible]	Dr.	3 [illegible]
Apr. 64	[illegible]	Dr. Paid	18 [illegible]
April 64	E. D. [illegible]	Dr.	2 50
April 64	[illegible]	Dr.	1 [illegible]
1863	J. A. [illegible]	Dr.	1 00
1863	W. [illegible]	Dr.	1 00
1863	C. C. Douglas	Dr.	1 00
1863	R. H. Garner	Dr.	1 00

Balance not Paid transferred from Other Monthly April 4th 1863

Leaves 1863 Balance to the month

CASH ACCOUNT.—MAY. 1863

Date.	1863	Rec'd.	Paid.
1	[illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]
1	[illegible]		1 00
	Andrews		1 00
	C. W. Wyatt	2 00	
25	Bilson		5 00
26	[illegible]		1 38
23	John Morton	11 00	U. S.
27	W. S. Gordon	[illegible]	[illegible]
27	C. W. Wyatt	10 00	
30	W. G. Holbrook	1 00	
31	C. W. Wyatt	[illegible]	2 00
	G. Howard Dr.	1 00	
	W. Hayden Dr.	1 00	
	C. C. Douglas Dr.	1 00	
	R. H. Garner Dr.	1 00	
1864 April 7th	Paid	Paid	

Total summary made Balance Carried [illegible]

[illegible] 1863 [illegible]

Cash account finally [illegible]

CASH ACCOUNT.—JUNE.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
June	[illegible]		
15th	Sundries		4 00
20th	"	5	[illegible]
20th	Eugene White Dr.	8	50
24th	John East Dr.	10	00
[illegible]	John Waynesburg Dr.	5	00
July 11th 1862	Apr. Bill Paid		Paid
	Total Summary		
	Balance due		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April 1st	C. Dillon		5 50
April	Mary Allen		1 60
[illegible]	[illegible]		1 00
[illegible]	[illegible]		1 00
1862	[illegible]		1 00
1862	[illegible]		1 00
	from Raleigh N.C. to Atlanta Ga. 259 miles		
	from Atlanta to Marietta Ga.		

CASH ACCOUNT.—JULY.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
June 30	Fund of O.B. Wharton $4500 for — dollars to		
[illegible]	Paid for one Pair		$ 6. 00
	1 Coat		$ 6. 00
	1 Pair Shoes		$ 2. 25
	1 Shirt		$ 5. 40
	1 Cot blanket		$ 00 10
	Sundries		$ 00 65
	Total		$ 20 40
	Sundries	50	$ 20 90
1	Pair Pants		5 65
	Mr. Hainer B. Bts Gr.		5 00
	Compliments of O.B. Wharton		

CASH ACCOUNT.—AUGUST.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
	Pursuit		
	Interest & entertainment		
	Pursuit of knowledge		
	Pursuit of happiness		
	" ~~[illegible]~~ Fables		
	Schoolboys dream		
	" Girlhood's hope		
	How Aquila circulation		
	Poets relight Orators		
	Thinkers Historians		
	Poet, Statesman & Reader		
	Mammons confuses		
	Gods delight		
	Upward only science		
	Adams & Point of knowledge		
	Christ coming		
	The End of time the		
	Pursuit by science		
	He pleasing to the real		
	& imaginary but all truly		
	to Mecaphor christ		

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CASH ACCOUNT.—SEPTEMBER.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
	Alexander in pursuit		
	of power again & again		
	went when he had		
	conquered the world.		
	Let people do what they please		
	make that the more		
	rather to point away		
	from college than to		
	in Rome		

CASH ACCOUNT.—OCTOBER.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	16		
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My Sweet Girl Charleston Ala. Feb. 14th 1864

My Sweet Girl

Man is capable of feelings to which it is impossible to give expression in words, which even sometimes defy the intuitive powers of thought, in the attempt to analyze them. These feelings are powerful, agonizing or blissful, according to the papers from which they springs. I am the subject of one of these papers and it fills me with bliss or agony, as hope or fear predominates in my heart. Language has no power to convey to you even a faint idea of the strength and depth of that passion - yet its very intensity forces me to make the attempt. Will you forgive my bold step - I might almost say presumption - in declaring that it is with you to decide my fate to make my future happy or else dreams of happiness for me both impossible. With you I look for

"Doubt that the stars are fire,
Doubt that the sun doth move,
Doubt truth to be a liar,
But never doubt I love."

My early associations, and the deep love I have a potato pit. There is things necessary to make

[illegible] reproach, is out; and you will see at once, Oh Lady fair, that my dictionary is in your hands, when I tell you that I have in reputation the proof, that you have no delicate skill in making that delicious cake than any other lady in the land. If you have any compassion in your heart, any wish to present many and create happiness, you will be beaten upon me the ~~[illegible]~~ of your hand, that none other, in all the future, will make potato pies for me. If you could but see me engaging one of them sliced spiced and brandied you would not, you could not hesitate. Some infatuated Board has dimensions [illegible]

"There are more [illegible] that fade or [illegible]

Our [illegible] touched hearts [illegible] know they are"

I have made [illegible] the truth of this [illegible] whether eating this [illegible] dish to me that is the most delightful and sums the sweetest of all [illegible]. I feel all the poetry of Byron's [illegible] "The dinner bell, the [illegible] of the [illegible] I know that my [illegible] to pie is [illegible] Table It is said of Love [illegible]

"[illegible] Gentleman [illegible]

[illegible] that from a [illegible] thing [illegible]

But I assure you that there is nothing mercenary in my affection for this table delicacy. So far from that, I have heretofore invested all my little earnings, for the purpose of gratifying my passion; and your heart would pity me if you only knew half how often I have been cheated – half how often I have had a spurious, an ill-made or a badly seasoned article put upon me. Will you not – Oh will you not come to my relief, and insure my happiness, by giving me an incontrovertable right to your assist in preparing, I must close with the word for it is music in my ears, in preparing my potato pies.

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Chesterville Miss Jan 2nd 1889

Capt C. B. Wharton

Dear Brother

I wrote you a month or more ago stating the condition of things here and asking you to write me at once so that I could know how to proceed with the business but have waited & waited but hear nothing from you - expected you home X mas when I heard nothing from you - but was disappointed in that also. When I wrote I stated that the place here would likely be for sale during the winter as Miss Jo had married & Mr Whitney gone to the bottom for the winter and that it could probably be bought for two thousand 25 hundred dollars mill & all

and asking you what you could do or what you intended doing this year - whether you thought it would be best to buy it or not and would still like to hear from you in regard to the matter.

The crop was rather short and my other will not meet the obligations that will have to be met at once. If you can send me any money you ought to send it at once for I am tight pressed now and promises will not satisfy those we owe. Please write me at once what you can do if you can do nothing now so I can tell our creditors what they may expect.

I have made part arrangements with the place for the year - could have closed out but waited to hear from you before doing so - will not be easy now to get hands

I will have to see Enoch Bell soon and satisfy him - am expecting a dun from the judge every day and Mr Lilly has already insisted on us doing something for him - A small amount to each might satisfy them for awhile. I am cramped and harrassed and don't know what to say to them unless you can do something - and I don't know what to say or to expect from you when I can hear nothing from you at all one way or the other. If you have made nothing and can do nothing it would be ~~much better~~ for me for you to write me the facts in the case so there would be no need for further anxiety about the matter. I have given up all hopes of our paying out our debts only by giving up to our creditors our effects and commencing anew - but enough of this

It has been rather a dull Xmas
Lucie brides married Xmas day and
had a small dinner - Jim & Charlie
Mitchell is also married and many
others I'll name it next time.
I have not been at Pen Mike since
Aunt Jane left -
Alice Bell Mabell & Guy send
their love & hands to Fanny -
Percy says give him some "Candy"
2 pounds - Erle says send none
[illegible]
Have nothing more of interest
to write - Jim Lewis
[illegible] Pelham Mass

Chesterville Miss. June 11th 1901

Mr. Lucy Wharton

Dear Son

I have been intending to write you for some days but haven't had time. We are tolerably well up with our work. Will get up this week ready for our oats if it will not rain any more. Nice shower this evening. Oats good if we had a good season. Commenced laying by corn today rain stopped us. Crop is looking fairly well but very late. About finished planting corn today. Hands crops all in tolerable shape. All voting fairly well. Have not bought my corn yet but will have to in a day or two. Bought a little meal for the negroes. The others have written you the neighborhood news I suppose.

I went to Memphis and had a fine time. It was a grand affair. Wish you and Este could have seen it. Met but few of my old acquaintances or war associates there. Was not more than 12 or 15 of my old Regt. in line. 7 companies of which were made up in Memphis.

But there were more people in the city than I ever saw or expect to see together again. Mr. McKinney was there but did not see him. Saw Mr. Grout a few minutes. Will tell you all about it when you get home. Could not write half of it this evening

(Proud to learn you took so well in your classes-)

You wrote some time ago asking (at the request Bro Wharton) for something of our family history - Our people are English and my G.G. Father was a nobleman, but I am not sure of his rank - and forget his given name simply remember he was Lord Wharton and G.F. a younger son - I remember seeing when a small boy some trinkets such as knee buckles shoe buckles, fob, etc. with the coat of arms on them. An uncle Joshua Wharton was the oldest of fathers family, moved to Ark - and later to Texas before I was born - There were 3 brothers of my G. fathers family Jeptha, Barlett (my G.F.) and I forget the other ones name They lived in North & South Carolina G.F. in S.C. Spartanburg Dist and died there - was a soldier under Green in the Revolutionary war - This is about all I can tell about them - And very sorry now I did not take more interest in the matter while father was living - and make some record but cared nothing about it then -

There were also 3 brothers in my fathers family Joshua Caleb & John my father - he moved with his mother about 1810 to Tenn his brothers also - but both bros went later to Ark. Uncle Caleb died in Ark and left some sons, one was a baptist preacher I have never seen any of them

There were seven sons in fathers family - Six in the civil war 2 and perhaps 3 still alive - but you can tell him about them yourself - will have to close for the mail - give Bro W - My kindest regards and thank him my father for his interest in your from what you say of him he must be fine, your father Milton Wharton

INTENTIONAL SECOND EXPOSURE

Proud to [illegible] enclosures-

you wrote Mr. [illegible] time ago a thing (at [illegible] Wharton) for [illegible] thing of our family history [illegible] a nobleman
our people are E[illegible]ish and my b.b. father [illegible] is rank - and for it is [illegible]
am not [illegible] of his rank - and for it is [illegible]
simple remember he was Lord Wharton and b.F. a younger
son - I [illegible] being the [illegible] a quilt by some Trinkets
[illegible] as [illegible] buckles, &c. [illegible] of [illegible]
on them. An uncle Joshua Wharton was the oldest of
fathers family, [illegible] to Ark - and later to Texas before
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My kindest regards and thank him my behalf for his interest in your
from What [illegible] - [illegible] must be Tenn, your father John Wharton

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De Queen, Ark., Jan 9 1905

Mr Richard Wharton Pontotoc Miss.

Dear Sir you will Doubtless be surprised on receipt of this I have thought for a long time of writing to you but have kept putting it off and so the time passes There were some people here from Miss. Warrens by name that knew you they told me of Charleys death What ever become of Caleb and your younger Bro. I forget his name How are you getting along what are you doing &c I correspond with one of the 154th occasionly Jno. Laymn of the Hickory Rifles he is at Honey Grove Texas On the Tennesse raid two days out from Florence I was left on the way with a Crippled knee joint swelled up so I Could not walk and keep up to day that knee is hurting me so I Cant get around on it It takes spells of a week or two at a time hurting me so I Cant get around

Would be glad to hear from you or any of the Company that you may know of please write to me I forgot to say that Hursty Cutthroat moved me out from Tenn. just after the surrender W S Ray Co I 154 Tenn

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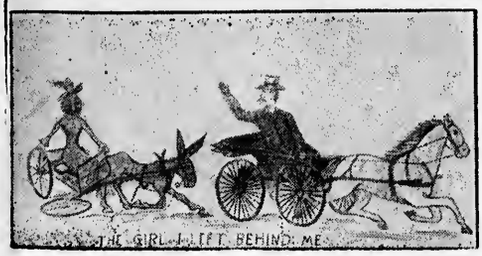

De Queen, Ark., 1 26 1905

Mr Richard Whorton Verona Miss

Dear Sir and Comrade

I received your very welcome letter yesterday I are always glad to hear from any of the 154th regt. and especialy Co. I. Well I will say at the begin-ning of this letter that I am Co I that messed with you at Columbus Ky and of the many Rays in our Company none of them were any kin to me there was 2 or 4 different families of Rays represented in our Company You have not forgotten the Dr. Ray that messed with us the first year of the war with his long sharp nose his squint eyes and nasing voice Well I would guess that the Dr. had crossed over the river before this peace to his ashes Of our old Command none liveing I know of but few You were mistaken about Dick Wilkerson it is Jack that lives at Bolivar Dick died at grand junction in 1878 of yellow fever he was R.R. agent and refused to leave his place saying that some one had to attend to it and he had as well loose his life as any one Nat Reeves of the Hickory rifles is in the

over

Soldiers Home at Austin Texas John Lynn of Hickorys is at Honey Grove Texas I Correspond with him regular. Henry Haines of the Henry Guards is at McKenizie Tenn I also met a man named Lewis at the Nashvill reunion that belonged to the Henry Guards he lives in Texas I forget his P. O. address Capt George Melush is in Texas I forget his address he made a neat little pill ~~in~~ real estate at Dallas Texas where he used to live I am real glad to hear that Charley is not dead would be glad to meet him Did your knee get all right where you were shot at Atlanta Ga. After the surrender Hurst theives made it too hot for me in Tenn. so I Started westward stoped in Sevier County Ark. where I have been ever since with the exception of 4 years I farmed near Ultima Thule till 6 years ago I Come to DeQueen then just one year old I will send you some literature that will give you some Idea of our town and Counting Surrounding it I went back to Tenn. and Married in 68 Christmas have had 12 children born 8 are living

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four dead My oldest boy died at 17 years old the other 3 died when they were small I have two sons and two daughters Married one son 21 years old is at home also 3 girls one 18 one 16 one 13 years old I am Makeing a liveing in the liveing and transfer buisness nothing more I once owned a very good farm of 240 acres and was out of debt but I went into saw mill and gen buisness and got burned out rebuilt and refit which left me in debt then blowed away by a storm then had to pay some debts that another man made (security) which left me in bad shape so I sold out getting this buisines out of the wreck but I can say one thing I dont believe I have an enemy in Ark or any where else and wherever I meet an acquaintance I meet a friend I will take that back a little as one of Hurst,s deciples lives in this County and was in the gang that killed your Bro. Dock so I Cant say there is any warm friendship between us though we pass friendly

Well Dick I have never went back on the Confederate Cause yet and am glad that I

H.

was in the Confederate army Cheatham's Div. Vaughns Brigade and the 154 th Tenn regt
Did you know John Estes? Brother to Tom. Estes that belonged to our ~~regt~~ Company He died near here in 1878 he served in 16 th Tenn Cavalry

Were you at the Nashville reunion if so were you out at meeting at the Vanderbilt Campus and hear the first Tenn. fellows try to claim all the credit for repulsing the Yanks at Dead Angle. There is some of the Hardins here from McGraw Co. or Hardin they are from white oak creek near Colerainville they knew Jim Wiseman at home. One of them told me that Jim stayd in DeQueen 5 or six weeks after I came here that he was traveling around with wagon and team looking at the Country and went north from here. Do you know what became of Bones E. D. Roberts I never heard of him after Woods raid to Nashville We have a Confederate Camp here Jno. H. Morgan 448 there is another Camp in the County at Cooksburg our present County seat We join in together in the summer each year and hold a County reunion We have visitors from different Counties have a nice grove with.

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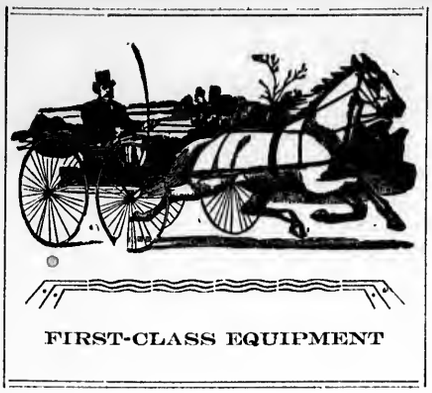
Yours and Joe Hipsons quarsel in the ditches in Georgia I think on the Kennesaw line Joe threatened to mash your dad burned mouth you says --- try it Joe says you have not said quite enough yet Joes remark created a laugh and Stoped the quarsel do you remember it

Give my respects to Dick McLaughlin and tell him I would be glad to hear from him Write to me again I would be glad to hear from an old reb

Your friend and Comrade
W L Ray



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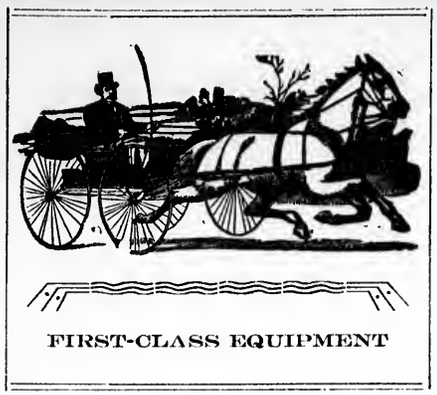
Mr Richard Wharton dear sir
and Cousinade your favor to hand a few days ago
and I was [redacted] glad to hear from
you I was sorry we did not meet at N. O. I
had received one of Capt Stevens Circulars and
Called on him I thought from his Circular he
was a Capt. in the big breeches Louisanians
that were with us at Columbus and on to
Shiloh but he was not I found Capt Stevens
a very nice sociable gentleman I Called on
him wednesday morning I wore a white
paper badge on left side of Coat front with 154th
Sen. Tenn in large letters knowing that if any
of the old 154th came it they would Call me by it
I found one lady who had a husband killed in
that regt. at Shiloh her husband was from Memphis
she did not know what Company he belonged
to another one told me she had a son killed at
Atlanta I forgot his name though it is a familiar
name to me I went with the Tennessee car
from Canal St. to Lee Circle then the old lady
I mentioned stopped me and I had a long



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talk with her and went no farther in the parade We had a special car from DeQueen at Texarkana 50 miles south of here our car was put on a special train and we went right straight thru & got to K. C. Tuesday night at dark. left Friday night at 10 I made up a car of 45 from this place and the K. C. Co paid my expenses & they proposed doing that if I would get up 30 but I could done the thing

At our state encampment at Little Rock last year our delegate from this Camp met a man Claiming to be a member of the 154th gave his name as Burkhead said he was from near Bolivar and was putting on, as an Indian would say Big dog heap in fact he was the main push of Johnsons army it was not our Bill Burkhead, but I forgot his initials I wrote him but he never answered my letter his post office is Austin Ark. was there such a man Come out with the Blazers I Cant remember such a man and am inclined to think he is a fraud

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John Lyman of the hickory rifles is living at Henry Grove Texas I see in the annual report of the U.C.V.'s of Texas that A J Chears I think it must be Capt. Chears of the 15th is in the Texas soldiers home Jim Grigg I think of the Beauregards you know Jim he came to Senaskana Ark. it was first said out for a tavern made a fortune in real estate and died about a year ago at Senaskana. I did not know it was our Jim till after he died

Do you remember Joe Burrow of the 12th he lives here. He tells me that Henry Falls our old commissary is living at Senaskana I will call on him the first time I am there

I will close for the want of something to write about give my regards to Dick McGaughey I wish Dick well he was a good man and a good and true soldier and may his last days be spent in peace I will write to him soon Geo. McLeish is living some where in Ark. I forget where he made his pile in real estate at Dallas Texas some years ago with best wishes for you and yours I am your friend

and Commanded W S Ray

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January 4th 1865

The dying Soldier

Do my friends at home know that I am dying
That I am wounded so nigh my heart;
Do they know that on the ground I am lying,
That my life is so soon to depart.
Fondly did I hope that I would meet them,
At home I would see them again;
But in earth no more will I greet them,
For I will always sleep on the plains.

And here is my fond mother's token,
Her likeness she hung on my breast;
But, alas! 'tis shivered, 'tis broken,
Fit emblem of her soul at his rest.
And here is my father's last letter,
But never can I read it again;
I see where her tears made it blister,
While she where my heart left its stain?

They will weep that so early I have perished,
From them I was taken so soon;
They will weep that the flower they cherished,
Has withered ere yet it was noon.
I ask not that they weep for me long,
That they dry up the eyes that are shed;
I am but one in the countless throng,
That sleep among my ancestors dead.

Let the marble cover bearing my name,
No monument mark where I lay;
I have sought not the plaudits of fame,
But want be the grave where I stay.
Let the stranger who will pass over my head,
To look at the field where we fought;
Tread lightly over the ashes of the dead,
And sacred be the theme of his thought.

When peace on her glad wings shall hover,
Over the land afflicted so long;
Some will sing that their honor they cover,
But I will be deaf to their song.
I will be left where the cannon hung low,
Was the sound that lulled my repose;
I will be left on the field of my doom,
Where the friends who interred me were few.

Oh! could my mother find out my grave,
Could she but know where I am laid,
How sweetly I would sleep with the brave
In the sheet my blanket has made.
I shall leave her a guide in simple art;
If the fox does not take it away,
Look mother on the wound near my heart;
Tis there that thy likeness will lay.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
P O O A

"How was America peopled" April 1st 1866

How America was first peopled is very hard question to solve but nevertheless I will try to give my ideas upon the subject. Ancient history tells us that mankind was first created in Asia & from thence they became numerous & spread over all the face of the earth. They could easily get to Europe & Africa but it would seem not an easy matter for them to get over to this country It is hardly probable that they could have crossed Behrings straight which is 40 miles wide in such boats as they had 2 or 3 thousand years ago. Even if some could have crossed by means of boats not enough could have been brought over to people a country as large as this In the 1st place I think the American coast was once connected, or nearly connected with Asia & think it not impossible that some great earthquakes or earthquakes have made such alterations in the land as to widen the distance between Asia

& America. Earthquakes are more common in California than any part of the country. There is scarcely a month that the western coast of the U.S. is not visited by an earthquake. It is hardly probable that a few Indians & Esquimaux would have attempted to cross Behrings Straight even if they knew it was only 40 miles across. It must also have taken along time for them to increase & inhabit the country to so great an extent as they were when America was discovered indeed they haven't increased any since ~~the~~ America was discovered but on the other hand they have been growing gradually less & I think it will not be many years till they will be entirely vanished from the land.

4.16 P.M.
10 A.M.

To the memory of Off[illegible] and men of Tennessee who fell in the Battle before Franklin

All day the hostile guns did peal
Along the forest deep
And before the sun went down
Death had wrapped its arms around
As true a brave and daring one
That ever tread beneath the sun
They did breast the storm of battle
And their voices might be heard above the roar of Rattle fest
All honor to those soldiers brave
Who has sought a soldier's grave
In beating back the hostile bands
Laying destruction on our lands
O'er those fare ones who never thought they'd live
To take the insults that is given
By the hostile bands that roam
Laying distruction round our home
Even above the hurrahs heard was the Lieut Commanding (word)
Forward charge my soldiers brave
If you eat a soldier's [illegible]
And remember those fair ones
Who [illegible] to their sons
And remember your wife and Sweet Tao

They in secret will pray for you
Mingled in the storm of battle
Amid the roar of musket rattle
They did lead a soldiers life
But now the Storm of Battle ceas
And our brave one are now no more
But Now they are slained
And still we yellow
Upon that dark and Bloody field
Oh your mothers do not weep
In a soldiers grave they sleep
And large there bones upon the Battle field
Before they fell their world yield,

By
W H Parker
Co. [illegible]

Friends of your [illegible]

[illegible]

Tilldemand [illegible] of [illegible]

of Louisville [illegible] national

Flag: which is [illegible] Lord

and embodied [illegible]

[illegible] the Union [illegible]

Constitution of the U.S.

and [illegible] second [illegible] Constitution

[illegible] Union [illegible]

[illegible] leaving

upon [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have rescued [illegible]

of [illegible] and [illegible]

them by [illegible]
adorning the [illegible]
[illegible] thirty eight and the [illegible]
of liberty & [illegible]
[illegible]
And bespeaks the unchain
ed, and upon the earth, [illegible]
by the [illegible] genius
of [illegible] freedom.
Let the American [illegible]
in his [illegible] last [illegible] giving
glance may behold the gor
geous ensign of a noble republic
now known and honored
throughout the world. its
arms and trophies gleaming
in their original lustre, not
a stitch erased or faded.
not a star dim, around
but all shining with an
equal brilliancy.

[illegible] mountains, shoot
up [illegible] in a [illegible] bright
light [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] as they flew over
the sea and over the
land on over England
under the [illegible] proved
that sublime it may be
every American heart
liberty, justice, mercy ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ and
[illegible]

[illegible] pursued [illegible]
With hand [illegible] and foot [illegible]
And bracked by the [illegible]
[illegible] lower [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
And every arrow fraught with [illegible]
And every heart is fraught [illegible]

If you [illegible] [illegible]
office [illegible] [illegible]
believing that [illegible]
fraud and [illegible]
whose hat [illegible] upon
British [illegible] and you
will [illegible]
upon the [illegible] flag he
names [illegible] Tilden Hendricks
and Butler we know [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] and
imperishably, reform &
constitutional government.
And follow them to victory
as enemies of sectional
strife, maladministration,
and of the prostration
of public office to personal
perquisites, as enemies to king
and enemies to those who would
protect dishonest officials for
political purposes

MISSING PAGE(S)

Hand may we believe [illegible] until
(May), he whose glory permitted the
[illegible] of the brave and free
shear every patriot burning with
[illegible] offered [illegible] for life
and [illegible]
[illegible]
pure air of [illegible]
[illegible]
And may such [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of these [illegible]
until [illegible]
[illegible]
is so interwoven with the
[illegible] of every
[illegible] that
there will be none left who
will not pause to hear insense
[illegible] ars. I have today
presented you with a flag

Such an [illegible]
born in the struggle, an emblem
a flag that may never unfurl
in the land that has [illegible]
I am [illegible]
[illegible] Today
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible] equal
[illegible]
[illegible] The American
Flag [illegible]
[illegible] citizens
[illegible] rebellion [illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible] it may [illegible]
[illegible] not at home.

C. R. Wharton

Papa's Speech
Chesterville

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

In compliance with a request made me by the instructors of the Westerville Academy I have the honor to stand before you to day, for the purpose of addressing you upon the occasion of your May day festival.

While I feel impressed with a sense of the honor thus ~~conferred~~ done upon me; I would that this honor had been conferred upon another, rather than my self.

Begging the kind indulgence of the audience in behalf of my imperfect ~~(incoherent)~~ remarks, compared with the arduous duties of a farmer occupation, ~~I will proceed.~~

We have assembled after the long and dreary winter to express our gratitude and joy at the welcome approach of lovely Spring; the herald of summer; the Symbol of youth and innocence; the harbinger of mirth; the Queen of flowers and beauty. The Symbolic representations of the Seasons which we exhibited today, are beautifully, and impressively, and in ~~a manner~~ perfect consonance with the occasion.

They serve to remind us that every season has its joys; that all were given for wise and beneficent purposes—for our good and for God's glory.

But Spring is more particularly considered as a season of joy and festivity. It is a day of general rejoicing throughout this country, observed by all classes of people from the highest to the lowest, and the most distinguished of our Orators consider it no ~~of~~ derogation of their dignity to deliver addresses upon such occasions as the present, and to participate in the general joy.

And it would be a source of the highest gratification, not only to me, but to every one, who admires beauty and innocence, or has a taste and relish to see the observance of this ancient ~~[illegible]~~ custom, if we could be [illegible] our own [illegible]

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

In compliance with a request made me by the instructors of the Chesterville Academy I have the honor to stand before you to day, for the purpose of addressing you upon the occasion of your May-day festival.

While I feel impressed with a sense of the honor thus ~~conferred~~ done upon me, I would that this honor had been conferred upon another, rather than my self.

Begging the kind indulgence of the audience in behalf of my imperfect, ~~extemporaneous~~ remarks, composed amid the arduous duties of a farmers occupation, I will proceed.

We have assembled after the long and dreary winter to express our gratitude and joy at the welcome approach of lovely Spring; the herald of summer; the symbol of youthful innocence; the harbinger of mirth; the queen of flowers and beauty. The symbolic representations of the seasons which we see exhibited today, are beautifully, and impressively, and ~~[illegible]~~ in consonance with the occasion.

They serve to remind us that every season has its joys; that all were given for wise and beneficent purposes—for our good and for God's glory.

But spring is more peculiarly entitled as a season of joy and festivity. It is a day of general rejoicing throughout this country, observed by all classes of society, from the highest to the lowest, and the most distinguished of our Orators consider it one of benefits to their dignity to deliver addresses upon such occasions as the present, and to participate in the general joy.

And it would be a sense of the highest gratification, not only to me, but to everyone, who admires beauty and innocence, or who turns and enters to see the observance of this ancient and [illegible] custom throughout our own [illegible]

There is an ennobling and sanctifying influence perceptible in the celebration: arising from its nature, pervading the very atmosphere around it.

And where its professed object are the promotion of Education and the dissemination of virtuous principles amongst the rising generation its observance cannot be too extensively allocated nor the efforts of its friends too warmly seconded.

Flowers exert a refining influence on the grosser sensibilities of the human mind, and in connection with Poetry & Painting create the most elevated ~~[illegible]~~ enjoyment which we experience.

There is a peculiar appropriateness in this festive time, where youthful simplicity & spotless maiden purity & innocence are the crowning glories: where joyous youth, unmolested by any restraints of authority, can dance amid the fragrance of flowers, the beauties of spring, and the hymeneal ties of its own sweet love.

Inspired by such scenes as this Poets have given to the world their most soul stirring strains; artists the thrilling touch of magic to their master pieces which have been the wonder & admiration of the world and caused and cause an inspired writer to say that Solomon in all his glory was not equal to one of the lilies of the field.

And it is here, too, that woman holds complete and undisputed sway; surrounded by flowery groves and gurgling fountains with all the genial and generous influences of Spring, the lovelier beauty of tender maidens, and blooming boys; amid the tender buds of nature's plant and the still more tender budding of the infant mind, she establishes the throne of her power and reigns in regal splendor and queenly majesty, not with an iron rod of despotism, but by a spell of enchantment, with a golden sceptre of love.

And it is at this throne of beauty; this shrine of innocence; this altar of domestic bliss, that the levels of creation are wont to render homage and pay tribute.

'Tis here the conquering hero lays the trophies of his conquests and receives the rewards of his toils; 'tis here that disappointed ambition seeks sympathy and consolation; 'tis here the retiring statesman comes to seek repose from the busy bustling scenes of public life; 'tis here the aged warrior weak, weary, & worn, from the hard strife of a hundred battles, seeks peace and quiet, recounts the deeds of his valor and prepares for the joys of another life.

Thus is woman the companion of our joys and sorrows attending us at every step of our life from the cradle to the grave. The Poet has pictured her as guiding us safely thro' life's course, cheering us with her smile.

"'Tis she receives our parting sigh,
"'Tis she who hears our latest breath,
"'Tis she who seals the closing eye.
"And whispers peace and hope in death.
"And when the mournful scene is past,
"'Tis woman weeps upon our bier,
"Silent, yet long, her sorrows last.
"Unseen, she sheds affection's tear.
"On earth she is the truest friend,
"That is to man in mercy given.
"And when this fleeting life shall end,
"Shall live for purer joys in Heaven.
"Oh! woman! woman! thou wast made
"Like Heaven's own pure and lovely light.
"To cheer life's dark and desert waste,
"And guide man's erring footsteps right.

And now a word of encouragement, from one who is still a student himself, to the pupils of this academy.
You who are just starting upon the voyage of life and are storing your minds with knowledge. It necessary that you should understand in the beginning that upon your own exertions must depend your success in obtaining an Education, a Name, an eminent literary character. There is no science without great labor, and in my own humble opinion literary distinction is more directly attributable to persevering diligent application in the study than to the possession of private instruction. An Education cannot be obtained in a day any any more than the building of Rome was accomplished in the same short space. It requires years of patient, diligent, studious labor. And he who would accomplish it must firmly resolve to push forward, to surmount every obstacle which lies in his path for the end will abundantly justify the means. And we know but before me are embryo Statesmen, Poets & Generals; men who are at some future day to figure in the councils of the nation; women who will be an ornament to their sex, and a blessing to society.

Go on then in the path begun, and though you may not all arrive at honorable distinctions, may not all inscribe your name upon the Roll of Fame, you will carry with you the consoling and edifying conviction, that you have improved the talent entrusted to your care.

We have, my young friends, been thrown upon the stage of life in the midst of perilous times, and soon we are to receive the burden of church and state from the shoulders of our fathers, soon to become legatees if not of their wisdom and virtues at least of their cares and responsibilities. Then let us prepare to discharge those duties with honor to ourselves and advantage to our country.

These are mighty evils to combat at the very commencement of our lives. Our lovely State is ground down by the iron heel of despotism; groaning under the weight of unjust taxation; suffering from the results of a disastrous war; undergoing a revolution in her social system; it will require the mightiest efforts of an active energetic and intelligent and virtuous people to restore happiness and prosperity. Then let the youth of the land swear, like Hannibal upon the altar of our country that swear by everything dear and sacred on earth or in Heaven — eternal enmity to tyrants and oppressors! Swear that we will devote our lives to the service of our country — that we will fight against evil wherever and whenever found — that we will bend every energy in the interests of truth and virtue, and by the help of Almighty God we will succeed!

And upon the head of her who has been crowned as Queen of May would I wish the choicest blessings of Heaven! May she pass through life as free from troubles, cares and sorrows as her young heart is from guile and deceit; and may she see and realize the great and important duties devolving upon her as a member of society and store her mind with useful knowledge the better to enable her to discharge them; losing sight of the glitter and splendors of earth which are but vanity and vexation; placing no reliance upon the stability of beauty unallied with virtue and knowledge. Her beauty is but as the flowers of her crown, it will fade, but the divine excellences of her mind, like the medicinal virtues of the plant from which these flowers were plucked, will remain long after those charms have withered; to cheer & support & to comfort and console, the declining years of her life; then may she add unto the crown of beauty which she now wears, a wreath of virtue and knowledge and the will be added one which is "incorruptible undefiled and fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens."

But there is still one subject upon which I desire to speak, to which I wish to call your attention; and were I to neglect it upon this occasion I would feel that my duty was but half performed. It is a theme upon which my mind dwells with emotion; it is one fraught with the deepest interest to every feeling, and sensitive southern mind. You will pardon me for thus throwing a damper over this happy assembly by adverting to such an unpleasant and mournful theme. Let me call your minds away, for a moment, from these scenes of joy and gladness upon which they have been dwelling to those of gloom and sorrow; from the dazzling scene before me to the unsightly field of Mars; from the exhilaration of laughing bright-eyed maidens, and joyous youth, to the thoughts of grim disease, battle-scarred warriors; from admiration of the lovely living, to mournful recollections upon the sacred remains of neglected and forgotten dead!

Ladies it is to you that I would speak—and would to God that I had the eloquence of Demosthenes that I might fasten to your minds the vast importance of the theme, the intensity of my feelings, the purity of my motives and the grand and glorious results accruing to the South from your immortal action. The honor to yourselves.

But I must content myself with the simple unadorned language of truth, relying upon your better natures for the execution of the duty, and the accomplishment of the object.

More than a year ago the patriotic ladies of Columbus Georgia made an eloquent appeal to their sisters of the South calling upon them to consecrate the first day of May as a day, to be kept forever sacred to the memories of the confederate dead! asking their cooperation in this holy work. Preparing to assemble around their humble graves, to decorate them with the choicest flowers and water them with their tears

Making thus the southern place to which our sorrowing women should perform their annual pilgrimage and deposit their floral offering. But alas, to our disgrace and shame be it said that appeal has been made in vain and to day we tread as heedlessly over the soil that drank the blood of these martyred patriots, as carelessly over the sod that contains the last remains, as though they were but decaying vegetation.

Was such base ingratitude ever witnessed beneath the broad canopy of Heaven! The most barbarous and uncultivated savage clings with fond and filial devotion around the tombs of his fathers, and part with life itself rather than the soil which contains their sacred remains. Even the heathen Macedonian Alexander after the victorious battles of the Granicus ordered the twenty five companies cavalry who had fallen in the engagement to be cast in brass. Lysippus the most celebrated sculptor of his time, purchased his soldiers to be made the best of brass, placed funeral honors to the remains of his friend, veneration and esteem; but we more ungrateful than the savage more impious than a heathen living boasting of our christianity and civilization and refinement tread with our unhallowed feet upon ground which they deem sacred, omitting an act which with their departed spirits gave upon with high honor!

It is to day I call upon you, fair ladies of the south to do away with this profanation; to throw the protecting shield of your love and devotion around these sacred relics. I conjure you by every tie which can dignify humanity to come forward and interchange your help influence and create in the minds of your countrymen a reverence for the graves of those sacred dead! These tender ones from such neglect. Create in me I ask that motives to assist in the name of that brave hero who lifes blood crimsoned the limpid waters of the Potomac! I ask that wife in the name of that husband whose [illegible] on the plains of Gettysburg!

I ask that little girl in the name of that loved and venerated father who found a resting place amid the wreck and ruin of a northern prison. I ask that maiden in the name of that lover who fell upon the plains of Shiloh, and over whose neglected grave the rank weeds wave. I ask you one and all to observe this day to perform this duty, in the name of those who have gone before us: dead!

I know that we cannot collect together their scattered remains or erect slatly monuments to their memories and inscribe upon them proper inscriptions but there is a far more suitable place to record these noble deeds and transmit them to posterity — in the living hearts and grateful memories of our fellow countrymen — more durable than brass or Parian marble. I commend the observance of this anniversary

Long after the whole of these events shall have crumbled to atoms the mighty (pyramids of Egypt) and the towering columns from the hands of our forefathers yet from the pages of history, and from the memory of mankind the name and fame of a Lincoln and a Grant perhaps buried in the shades of oblivion, the great republic which they partially destroyed — there may be seen upon the first day of May, issuing from every city, town and village of this lovely land, in slow and solemn procession, lovely women bearing in their hands garlands of flowers depositing them upon the tombs of these ancestors

"Thus sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their countrymen wishes blest."
The tears of love shall there be freely shed,
By beauty's sparkling eyes;
Thus honored is the soldiers bed.
Who for his country dies!

Thanks you ladies & gentlemen

REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR
By Richard Wharton

(Dictated to his daughter Winnie Wharton)

Marsh Patrick was a member of the 154th Tennessee Regiment. They were tough men including fellows all the way from Texas Rangers to murders. Many of them were old boat hands. They made much noise and talked lots.

They came to a little town called Perryville, the county site located on the slope of some mountains in Kentucky.

During the first part of the battle, they put us back in a fort in an elevated position. We guarded the forat a long time; then the Yankees planted a battery and turned it on the town. Just then we were ordered down to Main Street, which ran east and west. They had gone farther south and planted the battery to sweep the street. We marched down in ranks of four. When we got to the street, the Yankees got got our range. Patrick, who was a very profane man, took refuge in a house from where he kept calling out: "Keep in line men, Keep in line!"

Then the boys began to guy him for giving orders from behind the house and nobody paid any attention to him. The soldiers were not in the houses then,but did get into them later.

The shells came thick and went through many of the houses. We stayed there a few minutes, then they called us to order. We went in double quick time down the street. We got out of town to a little place with Pindegard's company in front. There a fellow's bayonet flew out of its scabbard and stuck through a fleshy fellow's knee. He hollered loudly. Brother Charlie got to him and I recollect just how he looked. He put his foot on the man's leg and caught it and pulled it out. It took a real hard ull. I don't know what became of him. I was always curious to know, but he didn't come back to the company.

It was in this battle that Bill Johnson was wounded in the face. It was a hot fight riat night. When we came down toe street, the whole army skedaddled. We had whipped the Yankees that day. We marched twenty miles from Harrodburg where we had had been camped three or four days waiting on Buell's movements. There was a big spring that boiled up in a sink and made a good smart creek. We got water there when we were camped near it. There I saw General Dick Taylor for the first and last time as he came with his staff to water his horse.

When the firing commenced, we heard the cannon, we struck out for Perryville., moving rapidly. When we got near there, we met a fellow in his shirt sleeves. His shirt was open - it was a white one - and he was a boyish-looking fellow. He had an iron ram-rod in his hand. We asked him what had happened. He said the ram-rod had gone through his breast. Some fellow had left it in his gun, as they often did. He held it in his hand. I didn't know how he got it out. There was a head on it as big as a minnie ball. I thought he had grit.

Soon we skedaddled out of Kentucy. We had some provisions. That regiment was raised partly in Kentucky, which was not out of the Union. That gave them a chance to volunteer. A big part of the mountain people were Union men.

WHARTON FAMILY

(Compiled by Richard Wharton father of Guy Verner Wharton)

John Wharton born in Union District South Carolina 1793

Married Polly Hightower born in Union District, S.C. 1805
Married in Lawrence County, Tennessee in about 1821 or 22

Children

Samuel Houston Wharton born about 1824 died at 16 years

Mehala Wharton born about 1826 died about 1881
(Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

William Madison Wharton born about 1829 killed at above battle 1863

Sara Adeline Wharton born about 1831 died about 1846 Or 47

Charles Riddle Wharton Captain in army died in Beauvoir Soldier Home born 1834

John Ambrose Wharton Captain in army 1836 or 37 killed in army in 1863.

Nancy Pelina Wharton born in 1837 or 8

Caleb Farmer Wharton Captain in army born Oct. 1841 killed in Texas 1905 or 6

Richard James Polk Wharton born in January 5, 1843

Andrew Jackson Wharton born Feb. 29 1845 died about 1879

Mary Elizabeth Wharton born Sept 18 lives at Tyler, Texas

Richard James Polk Wharton born Jan 5, 1843 McNairy County, Tenn. married Martha McKinney from Monroe County, Miss. in Pontotoc County, Miss. April 18, 1876.

Children

Edwin Erle Wharton	born in Pontotoc County, Miss.	April 18, 1876
Guy Verner Wharton	" " " "	June 14, 1879
Mabel Grace Wharton	" " " " "	September 1, 1881
Olive Wharton	" " " " "	August 29, 1884 died Sept. 25, 1885
Percy Wells Wharton		July 19, 1886
Winnie Hester		Feb. 18, 1890
Sibyl Gertrude Wharton		June 20, 1893